

Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council Newsletter

Happy April from Alameda County's Developmental Disabilities Council!

Autism Acceptance Month, previously named Autism Awareness Month, occurs annually in April and aims to celebrate and promote acceptance for individuals with autism. CDC estimates that one in every 36 children in the United States has been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Autism is a developmental disability that affects the way people experience the world. This may include differences in processing senses, thinking, physically moving, communicating, socializing, and daily living. First held in the year 1972 by the Autism Society, Autism Awareness Month emphasized the need for public awareness. As self-advocates have pushed for acceptance and a celebration of differences, the event has gradually shifted towards inclusivity as opposed to awareness. Autism Acceptance Month is dedicated towards respecting the rights and humanity of all autistic people and to center the perspectives of members of the community. World Autism Day falls on April 2nd.



National Deaf History Month was previously celebrated from March 13 to April 15 as a recognition of several moments in Deaf History associated with the opening of universities for the deaf. Beginning this year, Deaf History Month is now celebrated in the month of April. This change intends to honor the histories of all segments of the deaf community and the experiences of BIPOC deaf people. This month is a time to raise awareness and honor the immense contributions of deaf individuals and the deaf community to our country.

April also has several religious holidays. We want to recognize Ramadan, Easter, and Passover for those who observe these holidays. Ramadan observations began on March 22nd and continue until April 20th. Easter Sunday is observed on April 9th and Passover is observed from the evening of April 5th to the evening of April 13th.

Our next Board of Directors meeting falls on April 12th. We hope to see you there!

April 2023

Autism Acceptance Month

National Deaf History Month

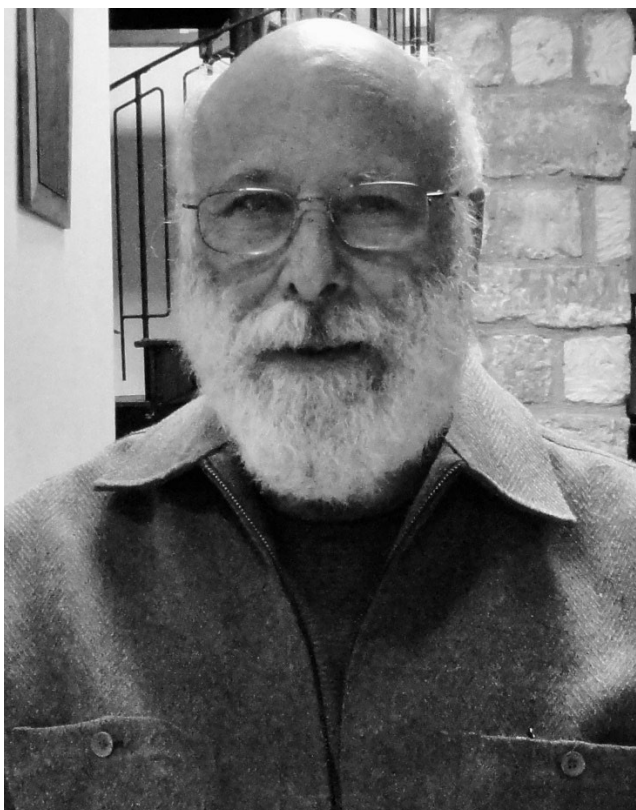
World Autism Awareness Day
April 2

Ramadan
March 22 - April 20

Easter
April 9

Passover (Pesach)
April 5 – April 13

In Memory of Bill Pelter



This past March, we lost an incredible advocate and longtime board member on our Council, Bill Pelter. Bill has been an enduring presence in our Council and an active supporter for as long as many of us can remember. He has been honored as a recipient of our Lifetime Achievement Award and led our Council as Board President. In our community, Bill has been a leader whose generosity, selflessness, and dedication have been an inspiration. His commitment and love for our community has been a gift. Bill's impact and legacy on our community and our Council will always be cherished.

Rest in Power.

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COVID-19 Updates

Alameda County remains in the "low" community transmission level according to the CDC tracker. The local public health emergency for COVID-19 in Alameda County ended on February 28 in alignment with the end of California's COVID-19 State of Emergency. The end of the local health emergency declaration does not mean the end of COVID-19, which will remain present in our community. We now know more about the virus that causes COVID-19 and how to protect ourselves and each other than we did in March 2020, and increased immunity in the local population and widely available treatments have rendered the disease considerably less threatening to public health. Residents should use the same tools that have proven over time to be effective in keeping themselves and others as healthy as possible.

Bivalent COVID-19 vaccines are available for everyone age 5 and up at least 2 months after their last primary series or booster dose. These updated boosters target the Omicron variant and the original virus strain.

[A calendar of community vaccine events can be found by clicking here](#) or community members can call (510) 268-2101 for assistance from our community support line. For additional vaccine sites or appointments, you can also contact your healthcare provider or local pharmacy chains.

If testing positive for COVID-19, you should contact your healthcare provider as soon as you test positive to see if you qualify for COVID-19 treatments. **For uninsured or underinsured individuals, you can call 9-33-686-5051 for a no-cost appointment. For any questions, call our Community Support Line at 510-268-2101.**

Additional COVID Resources:

- [Alameda County COVID-19 main page](#)

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- [For upcoming and past webinars on Alameda County's COVID-19 planning efforts, please visit the Community Advisory Group](#)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Employment Spotlights Needed

[Make your submission here](#)

Individuals with disabilities play a vital role in the nation's workforce and promote diverse and inclusive workplaces. Our Council advocates for competitive integrated employment opportunities for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As we work towards our mission to expand opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, we aim to ensure representation and recognition of the contributions made by individuals with disabilities to our workforce. If you have a story to spotlight for future newsletters, please provide your submissions by [Clicking HERE](#)

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Council Business & Board Meeting

In March, there was no Board of Directors meeting due to our Annual Transition Fair. See our March accomplishments for details about our 2023 Alameda County Transition Fair.

Our next Board meeting will be held on April 12th, 2023, from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm where we will have a Presentation on the Master Plan for Aging.

March Accomplishments

The Annual Alameda County Transition Fair was held on Saturday, March 25th at the College of Alameda. We were excited to be back in person and had a great turnout. We had 142 people in attendance, 13 educational presentations and had around 50 vendors in attendance to meet with families. Each year this event takes the efforts of many planning partners and sponsors across Alameda County. Thank you to everyone who helped support our event!

East Bay Legislative Coalition (EBLC) met on March 1st to provide state revenue updates and discuss several California Assembly and Senate budget subcommittee meetings. EBLC also held two in-person legislative town halls on Friday, March 17th, and March 24th. The legislative town halls were a follow-up to the Legislative Breakfast that was held in January. The town halls provided individuals with the opportunity to meet face to face with local legislative offices. The next EBLC meeting will be held on May 3rd from 10 am-12 pm.

The Racial Equity Steering Committee (RESC) met on March 13th where we had a great presentation on POS Disparities. Thank you to Jairo Guiza and Lisa Kleinbub who joined us on behalf of RCEB to present. The next RESC meeting will be held on April 10th from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm. The Allies of Black Providers and Consumers workgroup met on March 22nd. The workgroup discussed ensuring equitable access to SLS services for consumers. The next Allies of Black Providers and Consumers workgroup meeting will be held on April 26th from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. The Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Workgroup met on March 14th. The workgroup used its time to hold an open forum for discussion. The next AAPI workgroup meeting will be held on April 11th from 10:00 AM – 11:00 am.

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Upcoming Events

The 9th Annual Special Needs Talent Showcase | Saturday, April 22nd from 4-6pm | [Register Here](#)

Come celebrate and be amazed at the incredible talents and abilities of our special needs performers as they compete for the top 3 winner spots, the People's Choice Award and Showmanship Award. Our judges will also be judging the performances in-person at the event. There will also be LIVE streaming online for virtual ticket holders. You don't want to miss this spectacular show.

National Public Health Week Webinar Series | April 3rd- 7th | see attached flyer

Alameda County's Public Health Department is proud to announce this year's Public Health Week's Webinar Series, which begins Monday, April 3rd. They have an exciting line-up of talks planned. This webinar series is open to ALL. More information on each webinar can be found on the attached flyer.

DHTI Fast Track Respite Training | [Apply Now](#)

This 10-hour online self-study course is for Asian language speakers to learn how to work and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The training will cover basic training on respite care for people with disabilities and provide coaching and employment assistance. Flyers are attached in English, Chinese, & Vietnamese.

REACH Housing Opportunities | [Apply Now](#)

REACH's waitlist for housing opportunities is open. They have a variety of properties in the Tri-Valley Area. To be eligible for residency, tenants must be a client of the Regional Center and either live in the Tri-Valley or have family members who live in the Tri-Valley.

LGBTQ+ Thrive with Pride Webinar Series | 2nd Wednesday of each month from 4-5 pm | [Register Here](#)

Monthly virtual education series designed to help the LGBTQ+ community learn about brain health, Alzheimer's, and living the best life possible. Attend all sessions or only those of interest.

Very Special Family Camp | [Register Here](#)

The City of Berkeley is offering a Very Special Family Camp Weekend catered to families that have loved ones with special needs or disabilities. This program will be held at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, near Yosemite National Park, on June 29th through July 2nd. Priority registration for a Very Special Family Camp Weekend is February 2nd through 8th.

Project Search Stoneridge Creek | For information on how to apply, please contact Curtis John at jjohn@eastbayinnovations.org or (510)618-1580 x15

Project SEARCH is a one-year program that provides education and on-site training to prepare individuals with disabilities to be work ready. Interns participating in Project SEARCH report each day to the host business, learn employability skills in the classroom, and job skills while participating in three paid internships during the year. Project Search Stoneridge Creek is located in Pleasanton, Interns will develop skills in customer service, dining and human services working in the following areas: Food Prep and plating, Dining set-up, Preparing Menus, Building Maintenance, Laundry attendant, and Custodian. Applicants must be at least 22 years of age by the specific program start date OR 18 years of age if graduated with a high school diploma. Must have an

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active case with the Regional Center of the East Bay. Be able to utilize public transportation and be able to meet the health background and code of conduct criteria required by the business site.

What Comes Next: Educating Students, Teachers and Families on the Value of Work | May 4th, 11th, and 18th from 4:30-6:00pm | [Register Here](#)

Learn about employment resources in your community and be able to meet representatives from local employment organizations to learn what services are available for you. Educate yourself on benefits planning; learn how wages may impact your SSI or SSDI and learn about work incentives. Meet individuals with disabilities who are successfully working in the community and hear their stories

The following meetings are **in Spanish:**

- 1. Autism, Services and Support |** Tuesday, April 11th, 2023(Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00pm | [Registration Link](#)
Autismo, Servicios y Apoyos | Martes, 11 de abril de 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | [Enlace de registro](#)
- 2. Monthly Orientation |** – Regional Center Services and Generic Resources | Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | [Zoom Link](#)
Orientación mensual sobre Servicios del Centro Regional y Recursos Genéricos | - Servicios del centro regional y recursos genéricos | Martes, 18 de abril de 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | [Haga clic aquí para unirse](#)
- 3. Together Creating Awareness about Autism |** Thursday, April 20th, 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00pm | [Registration Link](#)
Unidos Creando Conciencia sobre el Autismo | Jueves, 20 de abril de 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00pm | [Enlace de registro](#)

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Resources

- ◆ **FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit Program** | [Fact sheet](#) | [Webpage](#) | [Video from Stephen Dale](#)
Beginning May 12th, monthly discounts towards broadband service are available for eligible households. The discount is \$50 – 75 per month (plus \$100 for equipment) on internet service. Households can apply in three ways:
 - Contact your preferred [participating broadband provider](#) directly to learn about their application process.
 - Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](#) to apply online and to find participating providers near you.
 - Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with proof of eligibility to Emergency Broadband Support Center / P.O. Box 7081 / London, KY 40742

- ◆ **In-Home Vaccinations**
Alameda County is offering in-home COVID-19 vaccines for individuals with disabilities. To schedule an appointment, please call 510-208-4VAX or visit: <https://bit.ly/AlCoSignUp>

- ◆ **Highland/Eastmont Teledentistry program:** The Office of Dental Health has a teledentistry program for children and adults with IDD. Video visits and initial assessments can be conducted virtually in the home. Eligibility is for those 1) on Medi-Cal; 2) smartphones with a camera. To schedule an appointment or find out more contact Shawanna Emerson at (510) 567-5771, or semerson@alamedahealthsystem.org

- ◆ **Stephen Beard of Keller Williams Realty Oakland/Berkeley hosts recurring FREE seminars on Accessible Home Ownership all over the Bay Area.** These seminars are designed specifically to address the real estate needs and concerns of people with disabilities and their families. Information is available directly from Stephen's website: www.accessiblehomesforyou.com or by calling (510) 364-6795.

- ◆ **Stephen Beard hosts a weekly podcast, Accessible Housing Matters on accessible housing.** His podcast is designed to raise awareness about all matters at the intersection of housing and accessibility. The podcast covers a wide range of topics and each week features experts and/or self-advocates in the community that shares their expertise and experience. To find out more visit: <https://accessiblehousingmatters.com/>

- ◆ **Marty Omoto's CDCAN Reports:** www.cdcan.us

- ◆ **Assistive Technology Network** – If you need help finding assistive technology, the AT Network is the place to contact. Website: www.ATNET.org or (800) 390-2699.

- ◆ **FCSN Schedule of Family Support Gatherings:**
Contact: FCSN East Bay program coordinator, 2300 Peralta Blvd, Fremont www.fcsn1996.org

- ◆ **Medical Baseline Program** | [Apply Here](#)
The Medical Baseline Program (also known as Medical Baseline Allowance) is for residential PG&E customers that rely on power for medical and independent living needs. Eligible PG&E customers may

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benefit from lower monthly energy bills and receiving extra notifications in a Public Safety Power Shutoff event. For more information, please [click this link](#).

◆ **PG&E Address Alerts | [Sign-up now](#)**

PG&E now offers address alerts to non-account holders who want to know about Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) that may impact homes, work, schools, or other important locations. Sign-up and stay informed about clients, consumers, friends, and loved ones by receiving alerts during the event of a PSPS shutoff.

◆ **PG&E Wildfire Webinars | [Register Here](#)**

PG&E hosts wildfire safety webinars for community members interested in learning about the Community Wildfire Safety Program. Community members are encouraged to attend to learn more about wildfire safety and emergency preparedness, virtually meet with PG&E representatives, and ask questions and share feedback. For upcoming dates and past webinars, please [click here](#).

◆ **Georgia Tech - COVID-19 Accessible Resources for People with Disabilities Microsite**

Georgia Tech's Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation created a microsite for COVID-19-accessible resources for people with disabilities. For short and simple COVID-19 videos, [click here](#). For ASL resources, [click here](#). For accessible PDF and Word documents, [click here](#). For webinar and training archives, [click here](#). For additional resources including project articles and publications, [click here](#).

◆ **Student Accessibility Services at Laney and Merritt College |**

Laney Phone: (510) 464-3428 or email: sas.laney@peralta.edu

Merritt Phone: 1-510-436-2429 or website: <https://www.merritt.edu/wp/dsp/contact-list/>

SAS provides academic accommodations for students with disabilities or certain medical diagnoses. Some services we provide include the following: Exam Accommodations, Alternate Media, ASL Interpreter, Services, Tutoring, Specialized counseling, Priority Registration, and Access to High Tech Center. Merritt is offering a basic employability certificate of completion if an individual completes 3 courses.



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**Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 12th, 2023
Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/91770427600?pwd=VWF4bVRiZno2UXhtcXZYeTBKeWFpQT09>

All times are approximate and subject to change

- 9:30 **CALL TO ORDER** and Introductions
Roll Call Vote
- 9:40 President and Coordinator Reports
- 9:50 **Action Items:** Approval of February 2023 Council Minutes
Nominating Committee & Awards Planning
Proposed Bylaw Amendments

10:00 – 11:30

Overview of Senior Services Coalition
Wendy Peterson, Senior Services Coalition

- 11:30 East Bay Legislative Coalition Report
- 11:40 Regional Center of the East Bay Report
- 11:45 **Community Reports:**
Housing Consortium of the East Bay,
State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Bay Area Office
Provider/Vendor Advisory Council
HireAble
- 11:55 Public Comments
- 12:00 Adjournment

Those requiring accommodation should notify Ben Chen two weeks prior to the meeting.



**Alameda County
Developmental Disabilities
Planning and Advisory Council
Board of Directors Membership Roster 2022-2023
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**ALAMEDA COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tentative Meeting Agenda for 2022 – 2023**

Date/Time	TOPIC	SPEAKERS	LOCATION	CONFIRMATIONS
July 13 9:30 am – 12 pm	Annual Planning Session	All	Zoom	Topic: Confirmed Space: Confirmed Speakers: Confirmed
September 14 9:30 am - 12 pm	Transitions in Special Education: Issues and Advocacy Tips	Cheryl Theis, DREDF	Zoom	Topic: Confirmed Space: Confirmed Speakers: Confirmed
October 12 9:30 am – 12 pm	State and Local Ballot Propositions / Voting Rights and Accessible Voting	Meg Bowerman, League of Women Voters, Oakland Fred Nisen, Disability Rights California (DRC) Shelby Wayment, DRC	Zoom	Topic: Confirmed Space: Confirmed Speakers: Confirmed
October 13 6pm – 7:30pm	Asm. District 20 EBLC Candidates Forum	All Attendees	Zoom	Topic: Confirmed Space: Confirmed Speakers: Confirmed
November 9 9:30 am – 12 pm	Customized Employment	Sara Murphy, TransCen	Zoom	Topic: Confirmed Space: Confirmed Speakers: Confirmed
December 14 9:30 am – 12 pm	Transportation Panel	Jasher Nowland,- East Bay Paratransit, Selena Ramos Thompson -East Bay Paratransit, Herb Hastings- Regional Center of the East Bay/Consumer Advocate, Naomi Armenta - Alameda County Transportation Commission, Priscilla Gomez - Regional Center of the East Bay, Kim Ridgeway - AC Transit	Zoom	Topic: Confirmed Space: Confirmed Speakers: Confirmed
January 11 9:30 am – 12 pm	Navigating Self-Determination	Christine Tolbert, SCDD Lindsay Meninger, RCEB	Zoom	Topic: Confirmed Space: Confirmed Speakers: Confirmed

January 27 10 - 11:30 am	Legislative Breakfast	Legislators and Staff Invitation only*	Zoom	Topic: Confirmed Space: Confirmed Speakers: Confirmed
February 8 9:30 am -12 pm	Managing Stress/Burnout	Jennifer Hernandez, Alegria Community Living Karen Toto, Alegria Community Living	Zoom	Topic: Confirmed Space: Confirmed Speakers: Confirmed
March 25 2023	Alameda County Transition Fair	All Attendees	College of Alameda	Topic: Confirmed Space: Confirmed Speakers: Confirmed
April 12 9:30 – 12 pm	Master Plan for Aging	Wendy Peterson, Senior Service Coalition	Zoom	Topic: Confirmed Space: Confirmed Speakers: Confirmed
May 10 9:30 – 12 pm	Diversity & Equity	TBD	Zoom	Topic: TBD Space: TBD Speakers: TBD
June 2023	Annual Dinner	All Attendees	Zoom	Topic: TBD Space: TBD Speakers: TBD

Mission: To expand opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Vision: The Council envisions a world in which every individual with an intellectual and developmental disability has access to a full, meaningful life in an inclusive community.

Values: In partnership with self-advocates, family members, service providers and other stakeholders, the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council improves lives by advocating for better funding and quality services; promoting education to raise awareness; supporting services and policies to reduce disparities; advancing diversity and equity principles and linking consumers and families to resources.

**ALAMEDA COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT
April 2023**

Meeting Schedule

April Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council meeting: The next board meeting will be on April 12th from 9:30 am – 12:00pm via Zoom. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91770427600?pwd=VWF4bVRjZno2UXhtcXZYeTBKeWFpQT09>

Meeting ID: 917 7042 7600

Passcode: 751351

Racial Equity Steering Committee: Our next Racial Equity Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10th, 3 - 4:30pm. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95175786904?pwd=R1VIMGY2dkk1bjBZWnFCK2pwK0tMUT09>

Meeting ID: 951 7578 6904

Passcode: 988136

- **RESC Allies of Black Provider & Consumers Workgroup:** This workgroup was established to work on specific projects to improve access and services for black providers and consumers within the IDD system. The next meeting will be on April 26th from 1pm – 2pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85771272898?pwd=a0FaSy80eGtvMWJITSt3cVg3SEqxZz09>

Meeting ID: 857 7127 2898

Passcode: 314529

- **RESC AAPI Workgroup:** The Racial Equity Steering Committee was established to work on specific projects to improve access and services for AAPI providers and consumers within the IDD system. The next meeting will be on April 11th from 10am – 11am.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82012795498?pwd=TENpSUF4cmN5TWtJNUtxb3cyYkxuUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 1279 5498

Passcode: 338750

Transition Planning Team: Our next Transition Planning Team meeting will be April 6th from 2:30PM – 3:30PM

Health and Wellness Committee: Our next Health and Wellness Committee meeting is TBD. All are welcome!

Committee on Aging: The Committee on Aging is a joint committee with Contra Costa County's DD Council. The next meeting is TBD. All are welcome! Please email Marianne Iversen Marianne@dscba.org for more information.

East Bay Legislative Coalition on Developmental Disabilities: Our next EBLC Meeting is scheduled for May 3rd from 10am – 12pm. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://cchealth.zoom.us/j/91070076056?pwd=NGp6Q0c4TnByNzd2SndlYTRNU0lxZz09>

Meeting ID: 910 7007 6056

Passcode: 718088

DDC Executive Committee: Our next Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 20th from 1pm – 2:30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99520068595?pwd=SmtOdDI6SIzZVWVlVnM2SitFSFZPUT09>

Meeting ID: 995 2006 8595

Passcode: 963075

Autism Star Conference Planning Team: Our next Autism Star Conference Planning Team meeting will be April 27th from 10am-11am.

Membership Committee: Our next Membership Committee meeting is TBD.

HireAble: The next HireAble meeting will be held on April 24th from 3pm – 4:30 pm.

RCEB Board Meeting: The next RCEB Board meeting is on April 24th from 7pm – 9pm. Zoom details can be found on the [RCEB website](#).

RCEB Diversity & Equity Committee: The next RCEB Diversity & Equity Committee is on May 22nd from 5pm-7:30pm. Zoom details can be found on the [RCEB website](#).

RCEB Provider/Vendor Advisory Council: The next RCEB PVAC meeting will be on April 14th from 9:30am-11:30am. Zoom details found on the [RCEB Website](#)

SCDD/RCEB Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee: The next Self-Determination meeting can be found on the [RCEB website](#).

State Council on Developmental Disabilities Regional Advisory Committee Meeting: The next Bay Area SCDD RAC can be found on the [SCDD website](#).

DDC Membership: Board membership requirements include living or working in Alameda County, having a serious interest in the developmental disabilities system and a commitment to attend meetings. Board members are also encouraged to share in the committee work of the Council. The Membership Committee encourages interested applicants to attend two or three meetings prior to application. Board applications can be found on the website.

No endorsement should be implied by Alameda County Public Health or the Developmental Disabilities Council by the inclusion of conferences, news or editorial links.

Resources

- ◆ **Highland/Eastmont Teledentistry program:** The Office of Dental Health has a teledentistry program for children and adults with IDD. Video visits and initial assessments can be conducted virtually in the home. Eligibility is for those 1) on Medi-Cal; 2) Smartphone with a camera. To schedule an appointment or find out more contact Shawanna Emerson at (510) 567-5771, or semerson@alamedahealthsystem.org
- ◆ **Stephen Beard of Keller Williams Realty Oakland/Berkeley hosts recurring FREE seminars on Accessible Home Ownership all over the Bay Area.** These seminars are designed specifically to address the real estate needs and concerns of people with disabilities and their families. Information is available directly from Stephen's website: www.accessiblehomesforyou.com or by calling (510) 364-6795.
- ◆ **Stephen Beard hosts a weekly podcast, Accessible Housing Matters on accessible housing.** His podcast is designed to raise awareness about all matters in the intersection of housing and accessibility. The podcast covers a wide range of topics and each week features experts and/or self-advocates in the community that share their expertise and experience. To find out more visit: <https://accessiblehousingmatters.com/>
- ◆ **Marty Omoto's CDCAN Reports:** www.cdcan.us
- ◆ **Assistive Technology Network** – If you need help finding assistive technology, the AT Network is the place to contact. Website: www.ATNET.org or (800) 390-2699.
- ◆ **FCSN Schedule of Family Support Gatherings:**
Contact: FCSN East Bay program coordinator, 2300 Peralta Blvd, Fremont www.fcsn1996.org
- ◆ **Medical Baseline Program | [Apply Here](#)**
The Medical Baseline Program (also known as Medical Baseline Allowance) is for residential PG&E customers that rely on power for medical and independent living needs. Eligible PG&E customers may benefit from lower monthly energy bills and receiving extra notifications in a Public Safety Power Shutoff event. For more information, please [click this link](#).
- ◆ **PG&E Address Alerts | [Sign-up now](#)**
PG&E now offers address alerts to non-account holders who want to know about Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) that may impact homes, work, schools or other important locations. Sign-up and stay informed about clients, consumers, or friends and loved ones by receiving alerts during the event of a PSPS shutoff.
- ◆ **PG&E Wildfire Webinars | [Register Here](#)**
PG&E hosts wildfire safety webinars for community members interested in learning about the Community Wildfire Safety Program. Community members are encouraged to attend to learn more about wildfire safety and emergency preparedness, virtually meet with PG&E representatives, and ask questions and share feedback. For upcoming dates and past webinars, please [click here](#).
- ◆ **Georgia Tech - COVID-19 Accessible Resources for People with Disabilities Microsite**
Georgia Tech's Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation created a microsite of COVID-19 accessible resources for people with disabilities. For short and simple COVID-19 videos, [click here](#). For ASL resources, [click here](#). For accessible PDF and Word document, [click here](#). For webinar

and training archives, [click here](#). For additional resources including project articles and publications, [click here](#).

- ◆ **Student Accessibility Services at Laney and Merritt College |**
Laney Phone: (510) 464-3428 or email: sas.laney@peralta.edu
Merritt Phone: 1-510-436-2429 or website: <https://www.merritt.edu/wp/dsp/contact-list/>
SAS provides academic accommodations for students with disabilities or certain medical diagnoses. Some services we provide include the following: Exam Accommodations, Alternate Media, ASL Interpreter, Services, Tutoring, Specialized counseling, Priority Registration, and Access to High Tech Center. Merritt is offering BASIC EMPLOYABILITY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION if an individual completes 3 courses.

Upcoming Events

◆ **DHTI Fast Track Respite Training | [Apply Now](#)**

This 10-hour online self-study course is for Asian language speakers to learn how to work and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The training will cover basic training on respite care for people with disabilities and provide coaching and employment assistance. Flyers are attached in English, Chinese, & Vietnamese.

◆ **REACH Housing Opportunities | [Apply Now](#)**

REACH's waitlist for housing opportunities is open. They have a variety of properties in the Tri-Valley Area. To be eligible for residency, tenants must be a client of the Regional Center and either live in the Tri-Valley or have family members who live in the Tri-Valley

◆ **LGBTQ+ Thrive with Pride Webinar Series | 2nd Wednesday of each month from 4-5 pm | [Register Here](#)**

Monthly virtual education series designed to help the LGBTQ+ community learn about brain health, Alzheimer's, and living the best life possible. Attend all sessions or only those of interest.

◆ **Very Special Family Camp | [Register Here](#)**

The City of Berkeley is offering a Very Special Family Camp Weekend catered to families that have loved ones with special needs or disabilities. This program will be held at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, near Yosemite National Park, on June 29th through July 2nd. Priority registration for a Very Special Family Camp Weekend is February 2nd through 8th.

◆ **Project Search Stoneridge Creek | For information on how to apply, please contact Curtis John at john@eastbayinnovations.org or (510)618-1580 x15**

Project SEARCH is a one-year program that provides education and on-site training to prepare individuals with disabilities to be work ready. Interns participating in Project SEARCH report each day to the host business, learn employability skills in the classroom, and job skills while participating in three paid internships during the year. Project Search Stoneridge Creek is located in Pleasanton, Interns will develop skills in customer service, dining and human services working in the following areas: Food Prep and plating, Dining set-up, Preparing Menus, Building Maintenance, Laundry attendant, and Custodian. Applicants must be at least 22 years of age by the specific program start date OR 18 years of age if graduated with a high school diploma. Must have an active case with the Regional Center of the East Bay. Be able to utilize public transportation and be able to meet the health background and code of conduct criteria required by the business site.

◆ **FCSN's 9th Annual Special Needs Talent Showcase | Saturday, April 22nd from 4-6pm | [Register Here](#)**

Come celebrate and be amazed at the incredible talents and abilities of our special needs performers as they compete for the top 3 winner spots, the People's Choice Award and Showmanship Award. Our judges will also be judging the performances in-person at the event. There will also be LIVE streaming online for virtual ticket holders. You don't want to miss this spectacular show.

◆ **National Public Health Week Webinar Series| April 3rd- 7th | see attached flyer**

Alameda County's Public Health Department is proud to announce this year's Public Health Week's Webinar Series, which begins Monday, April 3rd. They have an exciting line-up of talks

planned. This webinar series is open to ALL. More information on each webinar can be found on the attached flyer.

◆ **What Comes Next: Educating Students, Teachers and Families on the Value of Work | May 4th, 11th, and 18th from 4:30-6:00pm | [Register Here](#)**

Learn about employment resources in your community and be able to meet representatives from local employment organizations to learn what services are available for you. Educate yourself on benefits planning; learn how wages may impact your SSI or SSDI and learn about work incentives. Meet individuals with disabilities who are successfully working in the community and hear their stories

The following meetings will be in Spanish:

◆ **Autism, Services and Support|** Tuesday, April 11th, 2023(Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00pm | [Registration Link](#)

Autismo, Servicios y Apoyos | Martes, 11 de abril de 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | [Enlace de registro](#)

◆ **Monthly Orientation|** – Regional Center Services and Generic Resources | Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | [Zoom Link](#)

Orientación mensual sobre Servicios del Centro Regional y Recursos Genéricos| - Servicios del centro regional y recursos genéricos | Martes, 18 de abril de 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | [Haga clic aquí para unirse](#)

◆ **Together Creating Awareness about Autism |** Thursday, April 20th, 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00pm | [Registration Link](#)

Unidos Creando Conciencia sobre el Autismo| Jueves, 20 de abril de 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00pm | [Enlace de registro](#)

Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council
Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2023

This meeting was held virtually using Zoom.

Directors Present: Stephen Beard, Erin Boyd, Wandra Boyd, Scott Brooks, David Cammarata, Sandra Coss, Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Angelique Goldberg, Ron Halog, Christine Hanson, Herb Hastings, Greg King, Rachel Longan, Darin Lounds, June McIntyre, Phu Nguyen, Larene Pare, David Pena, Dinah Shapiro, Laurel Sillins, Nina Spiegelman, Marvin Tate, Karen Toto, Leslie Visbal, Geneva Carlos-Valentino

Directors Excused: Edda Banuelos, Bill Pelter, Michael Pereira, Esther Wong

Guest: Pam Perls, CCC DDC, CCC Mental Health Commission, EBLC, COA Committee; Gabriela Solval, SCDD; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB; Chris Hanson, RCEB; Marichelle Alcantara, HCEB; Jennifer Hernandez, Alegria Community Living

Staff Present: Schantell Williams, TAP Associate Program Specialist

President's Report:

Angelique Goldberg wished all attendees a happy Lunar New Year. Angelique reminded attendees that February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate the achievements and recognize the vital role of Black Americans in our nation. Angelique also mentioned that February is National Heart Month, a time during which we are encouraged to consider our heart health and minimize risk factors that may lead to heart disease.

Angelique also reminded attendees that the Council does not typically hold a board meeting in March due to preparation for the Alameda County Transition Fair. The next Council Board Meeting is on Wednesday, April 12th, at 9 AM via Zoom.

Coordinator's Report:

Schantell Williams reported for Ben Chen. According to the CDC tracker, Alameda County is back in the local community transmission level of COVID-19, and the National Emergency and public health emergencies remain in effect in California. The emergency declaration also remains in place until February 28. Alameda County intends to align with the state's timeframe as the local conditions allow. Folks are encouraged to vaccinate, and if you have a positive test result for COVID-19, contact a healthcare provider as soon as possible to see if you qualify for the COVID-19 treatments for uninsured or underinsured individuals.

Schantell noted that there are a lot of events and resources in February. The Council's newsletter features an employment spotlight highlighting self-advocates employment journeys. Please nominate individuals so that the Council can bring awareness to the importance of employment for folks with disabilities and their contributions to the workforce.

Workers in Alameda Contra Costa in Mendocino counties who have been impacted by the severe storm weather, floods, wind, landslides, and mudslides that started out on December 27th are now all eligible to file for federal disaster unemployment assistance benefits in nine previously announced California

counties. Applications for the DOA benefits must be filled out by applicants in Alameda County by March 9 unless the individual has an excellent reason to file late.

There will be a community resource webinar to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families and caregivers that will identify community partners and resources. This presentation will be provided in Spanish, Cantonese, and ASL.

The Alameda County transition fair will be on March 25 in person for the first time in three years. This conference is a resource fair for students with intellectual disabilities and their families, teachers, case managers, service providers, and others working in supporting youth with disabilities. There will be workshops on transitioning special education, employment, etc.

DHTI still has its Fast Track respite training, a 10-hour online self-study course.

The REACH housing opportunity waitlist is open. They have a variety of properties in the Tri-Valley area. To be eligible for residency, the applicant must be a client of the regional center, and either live in the Tri-Valley or have family who lives in the Tri-Valley area.

The LGBTQ+ Thrive pride webinar series falls on the second Wednesday of each month from four to five o'clock. Aging with Pride: Building a Caring Community is also on February 10th. This program will be half a half-day conference focused on learning resources and supporting LGBTQIA+ care, caregivers, and community members.

Project SEARCH's one-year program provides education and onsite training to prepare individuals with disabilities for work. Interns participating in this project will learn employability skills in the classroom and job skills while participating in three paid internships during the year.

The Family Resource Navigators will be hosting an Unpacking Oppression workshop. This is for families and providers in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. Congreso Familiar hosts webinars most Saturdays of the month, and La Familia provides a monthly orientation for parents on the regional center and their services. The Alameda County Transition Fair will be at the College of Alameda on March 25th. The Council will provide links and contact information for resources and events in a follow-up email.

Resources & Upcoming Events

DHTI is still hosting its self-paced FastTrack Respite training about supporting individuals with IDD receiving respite services. This training is directed toward those who speak Asian languages and are interested in providing direct support.

REACH Housing has several housing opportunities in the Tri-Valley area. To qualify, you must be a regional center participant and live in or have relatives who live in the Tri-Valley area.

LGBTQI+ Thrive with Pride webinar series: Learn about brain health, Alzheimer's, and living the best life possible. Monthly educational series held the second Wednesday of every month, beginning January 11th, 2023, from 4 PM to 5 PM.

LGBTQI+ Thrive with Pride is hosting Aging with Pride, Building a Caring Community on Thursday, February 9th from 9 AM to 12 PM. It's a half-day conference focused on learning, resources, and supporting LGBTQI+ caregivers and community members.

DHTI is hosting its second Bridge to Cultural Understanding Workshop on Thursday, January 12th, from 10:30 AM to 12 PM, with an option to attend in person or virtually. The workshop is designed to help IDD service providers find ways to connect and build trust with families from the Asian community when accessing mainstream services.

Upcoming DDC Meetings

Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, at 9:30 AM

Approval of January 11, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes: Motion carried with no abstentions.

Council Business: The Brown Act

Angelique Goldberg reminded attendees that the Council committees and Board of Directors meetings are subject to Brown Act requirements, meaning that all meetings shall be open and subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Closed meetings may be held to deal with membership matters and other sensitive topics in which the discussion may violate an individual's right to confidentiality. During the recent pandemic and subsequent state of emergency, many aspects of the Brown Act regulations were relaxed regarding teleconferencing versus meeting in person. The Council was allowed to host meetings virtually, post meeting information, take attendance, and vote, all virtually. The state of emergency is set to end on February 28th, so the Brown Act's temporary relaxation will also end. This means that the Council is expected to host in-person meetings starting in March.

On the other hand, we have recently discovered that the Council is not a governing body of Alameda County and therefore is only required to follow the Brown Act according to our own bylaws. The Board of Directors can decide to amend our bylaws to allow more effective flexibility around holding virtual meetings. The Council must submit its decision at least 15 days before the next Board meeting on April 12th.

Angelique motioned for the Board of Directors to approve amending the bylaws to include maximum flexibility in holding meetings, a hybrid option of both in-person and virtual options. The Board members took a vote with unanimous support for a hybrid option. Schantell agreed to discuss with Ben how to bring this decision to the County's legal team for guidance.

Presentation: Managing Stress and Burnout

Jennifer Hernandez and Karen Toto, Alegria Community Living

Jennifer and Karen walked the Council attendees through making space for self-care and wellness, exploring different techniques and resources, and centering mindfulness practices to help manage the everyday stressors that can lead to symptoms of burnout.

EBLC REPORT

Schantell Williams reported for Mike Pereira. Governor Newsom released the initial budget proposal for the 2023-2024 upcoming fiscal year. The past few weeks after the release has been centered on response to Governor's proposal and legislative organizing the upcoming hearing schedules and committee chairs and members, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 22. Assembly Budget Committee #1 Health and human services continues to be chaired by Dr. Arambula. Senate Budget Committee #3 is now chaired by Senator Caroline Jabar, District 20. The final date for formally submitting Bill ideas for legislative sponsorship is February 17. Based on the Department of Finance and Administration positions, a projected budget revenue shortfall is anticipated to be \$22.6 billion. This upcoming budget year is unlikely to have opportunities to increase or introduce new spending. It is important to note that the governor's budget proposal does not project a recession, nor does it touch

any of the existing well-qualified reserves that the state has been saving over the past few years. Our projected revenue shortfalls are expected to be met through deferrals of past committees or funding delays, reductions in funds, and some limited borrowing. But there is no proposal to utilize reserves like the rainy-day fund. The May revision will result from the legislators passing a budget with some guidance or input from the governor's proposal. Any differences will be negotiated with the administration and the legislative leadership.

The EBLC held its annual legislative breakfast via zoom on January 27. There were over 100 attendees, with eight active breakout rooms with representatives from two federal offices and six state offices. EBLC will be hosting, along with RCEB, two in-person events in March, one in Alameda County at the San Leandro office, the other will be at Contra Costa County in Concord. Details are to come. The next EBLC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, from 10 am to 12 pm.

RCEB Report

Lisa Kleinbub reported that DDS has been very active in sending out new directives and changes in terms of programs that we anticipate rolling out over the next six months. One of those is the family-coordinated support services for people living in their family homes. And we got guidance on this from DDS and some presentations about the program. RCEB will be asking for vendors who might provide the support. Still, it would help families coordinate different services in the home while they include personal assistants on medical stuff. This new service will resemble having SLS in the family home with some emergency backup. There will be no pilot program, all regional centers will be rolling it out and are requesting proposals from interested providers.

RCEB has been doing well with getting providers to meet HCBS compliance, which is about ensuring everyone has an inclusive life in the community. Particularly when they're living in licensed residential homes and can make their own choices and in daily activities. Only one provider required a moratorium. Lisa expects that RCEB will be fully paper compliant in March, which is the requirement. Next year, RCEB will include additional work to support people in best practices, which maps where people want to get services in the community and additional details. DDS and the Department of Health Care Services are auditing RCEB on the Medicaid waiver program. That is a three-week process of looking at files and doing a lot of visits with individuals and providers. RCEB also debuted its new brochure and will be posting them to the website. RCEB plans to use these brochures when case managers meet with individuals to talk about the range of services available by age group and condition.

HCEB REPORT

Angelique Goldberg reported for Darin Lounds. Darin thanked RCEB for collaborating with HCEB to identify homeless and at-risk homeless consumers eligible for mainstream vouchers. So far, approximately 25 individuals have been identified. Unfortunately, the vouchers will be released to another population if we don't have enough eligible applicants. Please contact your regional center of the East Bay case manager and Krystal Warren to state your interest in this opportunity.

SCDD REPORT

Gabriela Solval reported several items for the calendar:

The State Council has a new virtual training calendar web page on its site. There are various trainings available to take. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities LA office is hosting a training on Regional Center Fair Hearings and Complaints process on Monday, February 13 at 10 am and on Monday, February 27th at 10 am. They will also have training on Regional Center services in Spanish. The same link meeting ID and password is used for all trainings year-round.

The next Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 22, from 6:15 pm to 6:30 pm for networking, with the actual meeting from 6:30 pm to 9 pm. The SCDD RAC meeting will address 2023 policy priorities and policy work updates.

Gabriela also reminded attendees that anyone could share their policy and legislative bill ideas with the State Council year-round on their website. Those and other committee calendars can be found on the SCDD website on the meetings calendar under the News and Events tab.

PVAC REPORT

Geneva Carlos-Valentino reported that a group of service providers from PVAC met several times to develop a charter for the proposed Service Provider Equity ad hoc subcommittee. The proposed subcommittee is meant to tackle various issues affecting provider equity, including the organization's racial, cultural, and linguistic memberships, geographic size, and organizational structure. PVAC will review the draft charter with the rest of the members at the next meeting for approval. The co-chairs hope to take the approved charter to the regional center board members for additional approvals. PVAC will also host a presentation at its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, February 10th, from Jamie Marquis of Mains' I on a virtual person-centered planning platform called *Center On Me*. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am via zoom. Geneva reminded attendees that if anyone would like to share resources and events, please contact rcebvac@gmail.com. To be included in PVAC announcements and updates, use the Google Form to provide your contact information: <https://forms.gle/4CpUmpPsAfZdPu9JA>

HireAble

Schantell reported for Donna Feingold. The last HireAble meeting was on January 23. There was a well-received presentation on neurodiversity from a speech and language pathologist and an occupational therapist. The next HireAble meeting will be on February 27th at 3 pm. The meeting will feature a presentation on Credibility Concepts, a builder of enabling technology for individuals with IDD. There will also be a demonstration of user-friendly apps that will help job seekers in Career Discovery and then match their interests and skills to the careers of interests for successful placement. HireAble's DDS employment grant will offer training for students, parents, and teachers focusing on employment to motivate and encourage young adults to find jobs when they transition from school. The three-presentation series will be offered in the spring of 2023, the Fall of 2023, and the spring of 2024. Both Alameda and Contra Costa County counties are eligible to participate. Information about the dates for the first series will be available soon. Please contact Donna Feingold for more information.

Public Comments

No public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.

Respectively submitted by Geneva Carlos-Valentino, Board Secretary.



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Session 2: May 11, 2023, 4:30-6:00pm

Benefits Planning: Learn how wages may impact your SSI or SSDI and learn about work incentives that are available to you.

Session 3: May 18, 2023, 4:30-6:00pm

It's So Much More Than a Paycheck: Meet individuals with disabilities who are successfully working in the community and hear their stories.

All sessions are presented over zoom at no charge.
Attending all sessions is recommended but not required.
For students and families looking at future options.

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqceCtpjseE9KbmslXtbgGE9-7Kt7Yqlim>

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